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PHOENIX AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES
SHIRAZ, IRAN

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: PHOENIX AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES ARE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN IRAN.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: PHOENIX AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES (AAM) WERE IDENTIFIED IN IRAN FOR THE FIRST TIME [REDACTED] TWO PHOENIX AAM'S WERE OBSERVED ON TRAILERS BEING TOWED ALONG AN INTERIOR ROAD AT SHIRAZ INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD, APPROXIMATELY 215 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE IRAN-IRAQ BORDER.

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(S/D) THE PHOENIX MISSILE SYSTEM IS ASSOCIATED SOLELY WITH THE F-14 AIRCRAFT. THE MISSILE HAS A CRUISE SPEED OF MACH 5+ AND A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 108 NM. ALTHOUGH THE IRANIANS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE PHOENIX AAM'S IN THEIR INVENTORY, THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION [REDACTED] THAT THEY MAY BE USING THIS SYSTEM TO ENHANCE THEIR AIR CAPABILITIES IN THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR. IN ADDITION TO THE PHOENIX AAM'S TWO SIDEWINDER AAM'S WERE ON A TRAILER PARKED IN THE MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA AT THE AIRFIELD.

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 29-32-25N 052-35-27E

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